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Ground Deformation in The Ciloto Landslides Area Revealed by Multi-Temporal InSAR

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Abstract: Landslides are one of the natural hazards that occur annually in Indonesia. A continuous geodetic observation in the landslide prone area is essential to support the precautionary measures. Because of its hilly topography, torrential rainfall and landslide history, the Ciloto district in Indonesia has been affected by ground deformation for an extended period of time. The purpose of our study is to detect significant movement and quantify the kinematics of its motion using the Interferometric synthetic aperture radar (InSAR) time series analysis and multi-band SAR images. We utilized the small baseline SDFP technique for processing multi-temporal SAR data, comprising ERS1/2 (1998–1999), ALOS PALSAR (2007–2009), and Sentinel-1 (2014–2018). Based on the detected deformation signal in the Ciloto area, the displacement rates are categorized as very slow movements. Two active main landslide zones; the Puncak Pass and the Puncak Highway area, which show the trend of slow movement progressively increasing or decreasing, were detected. The integration of the velocity rate between InSAR results and ground observations (e.g., terrestrial and GPS) was conducted at the Puncak Highway area from the temporal perspective. Using the polynomial model, we estimated that the area had cumulatively displaced up to −42 cm for 25 years and the type of movements varied from single compound to multiple rotational and compound.

Keywords: active landslide; slow deformation; multi-temporal InSAR; small-baselines

1. Introduction

Indonesia is frequently hit by landslides which not only damage the environment and its properties but also cause loss of lives. Overall, 1.3% of the population is affected by landslides and 1.1% of deaths are due to this geological hazard [1]. Although the percentage of landslides is relatively lower than that of other natural hazards (e.g., earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanic eruptions, mud volcanoes), to a considerable extent, landslides still significantly affect society in the mountainous areas of Indonesia. As mentioned in [2], landslides caused 2079 deaths during the period 1977–1997 and resulted in the destruction of agricultural fields, buildings, and roads. Moreover, in recent years, The Indonesian National Disaster Management Authority (BNPB) reported that 74 landslides occurred between January and November 2018 which caused a loss of 949 homes and 18 deaths.

The discovery of the phase change contribution to measuring surface deformation from the European Remote Sensing Synthetic Aperture Radar (ERS SAR) mission in 1993 [3] has opened an extensive opportunity to understand the Earth's surface change phenomena such as tectonics, the landers earthquake, volcanism, subsidence, and landslides using the spaceborne technology. Two of the most popular techniques in space geodetic observations for measuring surface deformation

are the Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) and the Interferometric Synthetic Aperture Radar (InSAR). InSAR has the ability to monitor seismic activities, volcanic processes, subsidence induced either by natural or anthropogenic causes and to quantify the kinematics of active landslides. InSAR is divided into the ground- and satellite-based measurements which has a high accuracy for differential phase measurement in the mm-range. Satellite-based InSAR has been used to construct landslide inventories using ERS [4] and TSX [5] data. In addition, long term landslide monitoring using ERS, Envisat, and Sentinel-1 data was performed by [6–8] including analysis and modeling using large SAR dataset archives [9–11]. In recent years, there are different sensors available with better spatial and temporal resolutions, such as Sentinel-1, compared to the early ERS mission. These massive data sets have the potential to measure large areas for the study of landslide case studies, which are located in densely vegetated or rural areas.

The article describes the application of an advanced InSAR method on active landslide areas located on the Puncak Pass and the Puncak Highway area in Ciloto, Indonesia as shown in Figure 1. According to the map of potential ground movement areas in Indonesia published by [12], the province of West Java, with 544 landslides occurring in 2018, is classified as the highest risk level of ground movement. Some of these landslides are located in the Ciloto district. The Ciloto landslides have been active since 1984 [13,14]. Since then, they have affected the economic and social factors due to the existence of the crucial highway connecting Jakarta and Bandung, two of Indonesia's major cities [15]. One example occurred in 1995 at the KM 18+690 (from Jakarta) or KM 78+690 (from Bandung) where the road had completely collapsed and created a very long traffic jam both from Jakarta and from Bandung. Furthermore, in the surrounding area, The Indonesian Regional Disaster Management Authority for the Cianjur regency (BPBD Cianjur) has recorded several landslides since 1995. Hence, to better understand the landslide damage potential we investigated the Ciloto landslide area using remote sensing methods, where we applied the SB–SDFP InSAR algorithm developed by [16] on a time series of InSAR data derived from ERS1/2, ALOS PALSAR, and Sentinel-1 multi-band SAR data.

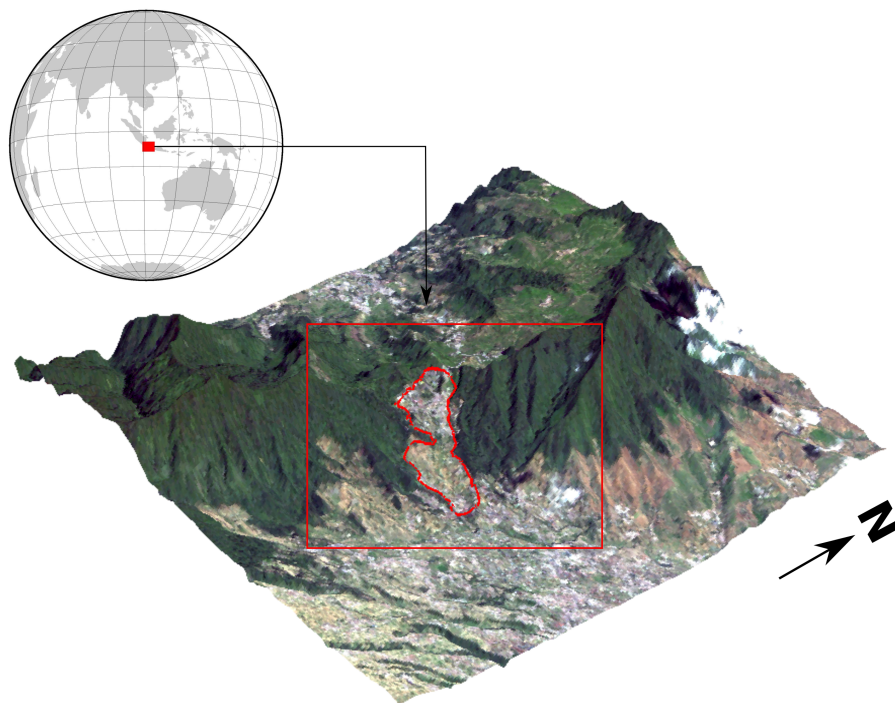


Figure 1. The location of the case study area in the Ciloto district, West Java, Indonesia. The Indonesian Volcanology and Geological Hazard Mitigation (PVMBG) classified this area as a high-risk level of potential ground movement [12].

2. Materials and Methods

We processed a large archive of multi-band SAR data consisting of: 11 images of descending ERS1/2 from July 1998 to 1999 with VV polarization and descending orbit, 13 images of ascending ALOS PALSAR data sets both in Fine Beam Single (FBS) and Fine Beam Double (FBD) polarization collected between January 2007 and February 2009, and Sentinel-1 A/B both the ascending track (72 SAR images with the relative orbit number = 98) and the descending track (68 SAR images with the relative orbit number = 47) starting from October 2014 to June 2018. The ERS and Sentinel-1 satellites are C-band sensor with a wavelength of 5.6 cm. The orbit information at every acquisition date uses precise orbit ephemeris (POE) provided by ESA and TU Delft [17] with a gravity model from DGM-E04. The ALOS PALSAR L-Band operates at a wavelength of 23.6 cm. This sensor has high capability to detect persistent objects because long wavelength can penetrate the vegetation canopy. The Digital Elevation Model (DEM) from SRTM 1 arc-second was used in purpose to reduce the topography effect on SAR processing.

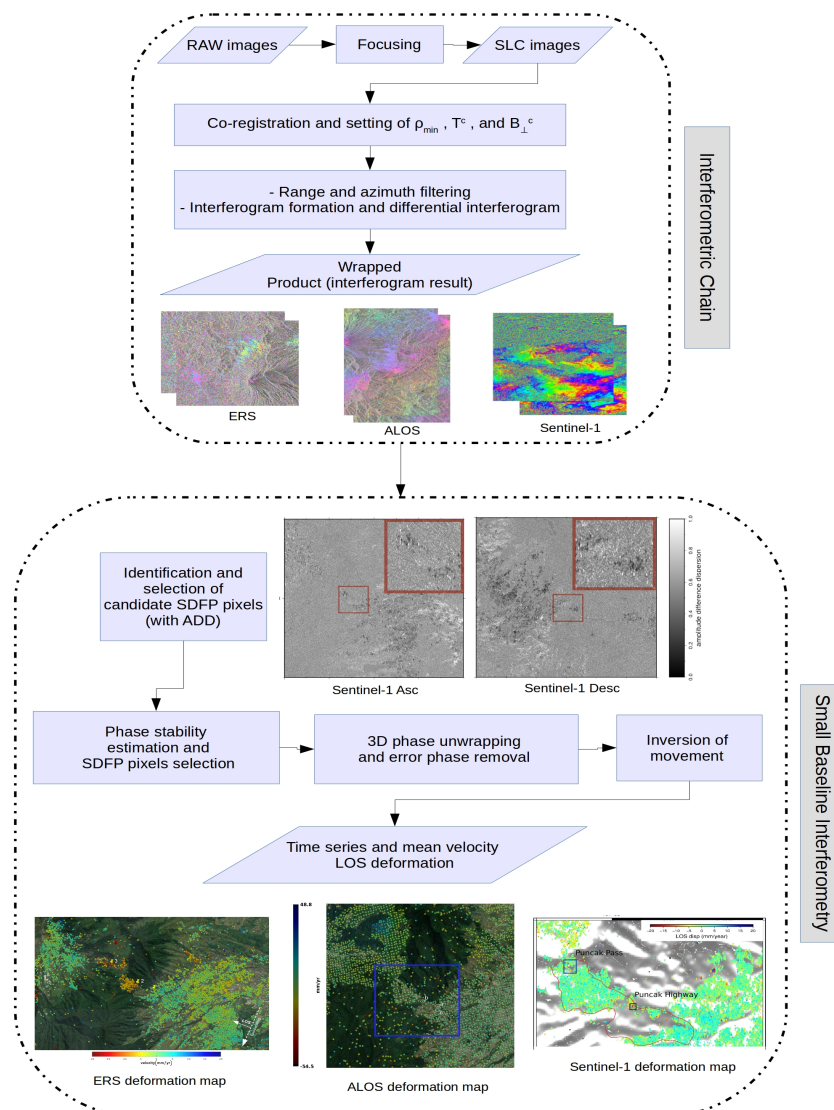


Figure 2. The processing and outputs of the InSAR time series analysis. The procedure is a modified version from [18,19].

The flow chart of the InSAR time series analysis is shown in Figure 2. For the interferometric processing chain, we used both DORIS software [20] for ERS and ALOS-1 dataset, and GMTSAR software [21] for the Sentinel-1 dataset. Small baseline interferometry was performed using StaMPS software [22]. Regarding the integration of GMTSAR to StaMPS, it was originally developed by [23] to generate interferograms from GMTSAR and then analyze phase characteristics with the Persistent Scatterers algorithm [24] in StaMPS but not for small baseline processing. To make it able to process the SB-SDFP algorithm, this open-source integration was improved by us for the small baseline approach [16] and applied to our case study (please see Appendix A).

The processing procedure of the InSAR time series started a step of interferogram generation [3,25]. ALOS PALSAR data are provided as raw level 1.0 data which have to be focused first while ERS1/2 and Sentinel-1 are already in focused format, as Single Look Complex (SLC) products. The interferometric processing chain is divided into the following stages:

- **Focusing:**
The process involves the coherent summation of range-aligned echoes over the length of the synthetic aperture. Since the range (R) varies with slow time (s) as measured by the precise orbit, it needs to calculate the range as a function of slow time. Each image will be focused to create the SLC format.
- **Co-registration:**
The precise orbital information is used to align the reference (master) and repeat (slave) image to sub-pixel accuracy in order to properly create the interferogram. It is accomplished by first using the orbital information to estimate the shift in range and azimuth coordinates. Furthermore, each image is divided into small patches to determine parameters of transformation using a cross-correlation algorithm needed to match the slave image into the reference one.
- **Range and Azimuth Filtering:**
The step processes the range spectral shift and the azimuth common bandwidth filtering in purpose to keep the correlated phase between two images and remove the noise term or the uncorrelated phase. The process is also called as “phase co-registration” [26].
- **Interferogram Generation:**
The stage computes the phase difference between the two images. The interferometric phase is generated by the utilization of cross multiplication from the complex product between the single values of the pixels. Furthermore, if it is necessary to reduce noise in the interferogram, the filtering step might be processed by low-pass arcs such as Gaussian filter wavelength [27], Goldstein filter [28], and the boxcar [29]. It decimates the real and imaginary components of the interferogram in both azimuth and range and computes final standard products of amplitude, phase, and coherence. Then, the Differential InSAR step will be processed to remove fringes due to a topography effect using an external DEM.

Furthermore, the wrapped interferogram products were processed with the Slowly-Decorrelating Filtered Phase (SDFP) [16] and the phase characteristic of each interferogram were identified with the Persistent Scatter (PS) algorithm [30]. The main purpose of SDFP is to detect point scatterers similar to the principle of PS in regions where are dominant with natural objects such as rural and agriculture areas. It operates the multi-master set of interferograms with spectral filtering. To augment the correlation of interferogram pairs, the Small Baseline approach [31] is taken into account for both small perpendicular and short temporal baselines.

The phase unwrapping step is a correction of the phase values of final SDFP pixels into an appropriate number of 2π cycles because the selected pixels are still wrapped to modulo 2π . We applied the three-dimensional phase unwrapping developed by [32] which executed the initial phase difference of SDFP pixels. This 3D unwrapping method performs the residues in space-space (two spatial) and space-time (one temporal). Namely, 3D unwrapping is a series of conventional 2D unwrapping method with a purpose to sufficiently map slow deformation in the function of time. We generated the

unwrapped phase time series for each PS with the location of the reference PS [24], taken from a stable area near to Ciloto. The temporal phase differences for each PS were firstly computed, and then an iterative least square method was taken into account for unwrapping spatially based on the reference PS [33]. The unwrapped result was further corrected by a subtraction of the spatially correlated term errors which were already estimated on PS/SB-SDFP assessment.

The unwrapped phase result based on SB-SDFP interferograms was inverted for deriving the time series displacement values of the range changes between SAR scene acquisitions. Commonly, the conventional SBAS approach [34] uses singular value decomposition (SVD) [31] with a requirement of a priori knowledge about the temporal behavior of the deformation. However for our case study, without any prior deformation knowledge, such as field derived monitoring data of the Ciloto landslides, we applied the least square technique from [16,35] to generate approximate time series displacement values, relative to a master image and reference pixel. This retrieval requires no extra constraint deformation; however, the cluster of multi-master interferograms is limited to only one.

For Sentinel-1 data, the post-processing method carried out by [36] was applied to improve the time series analysis in the landslide case study. We took into account three corrections, which were: (1) removing noise and regional trends, (2) detect and correct possible phase unwrapping errors, and (3) averaging time series. The possibility of phase unwrapping error due to more than a quarter of the radar wavelength motion could highly occur between two successive acquisitions [37] especially for a landslide study case which a rapid or sudden movement can occur several weeks, days, or hours before the collapse of slope. We applied the empirical method suggested by [36] at the Puncak Pass landslide area. We added a deviation value ± 5 mm for the detection of phase ambiguity since the observed region was relatively covered by dense vegetation making it more difficult to find whether it was the real signal or local noise. This correction could be applied only for one unwrapping error and had been validated with the rainfall intensity recorded by the regional meteorology institute. Therefore, if the computation found a high absolute difference of displacement more or less than $14 \text{ mm} \pm 5 \text{ mm}$ between two consecutive acquisitions, it could be an indication of the break time because of the slope failure.

3. Results and Discussions

We evaluated the characteristic of ground motion for the period 1998 to 2018 using the time series InSAR results of multi-temporal ERS1/2, ALOS PALSAR, and Sentinel-1 product. The number available images from ERS1/2 and ALOS data is more limited than Sentinel-1 data. It restricts the number of interferograms that can be generated based on short temporal and perpendicular baselines. We generated 25 interferograms from ERS1/2 maximum for 365 days of temporal and 430 m of perpendicular baseline; 36 interferograms from ALOS with a maximum of 365 days and 1300 m baseline and; 341 and 349 interferograms from Sentinel-1 Ascending and descending data with a maximum of 100 days and 100 m baseline. In particular, the data quality is not equivalent to compare wisely since ERS1/2 and ALOS PALSAR results have a limited number of interferograms. With short temporal gaps and sufficient acquisitions, the precisions of the Sentinel-1 sensor is higher than that of ERS1/2 and ALOS. Furthermore, the coverage of ground points decreases due to not able finding phase stability. The PS numbers for ERS1/2 descending, ALOS PALSAR ascending, Sentinel-1 ascending, and Sentinel-1 descending are 461, 426, 14037, and 12918, respectively. The number of PS points generated by ERS and ALOS data are significantly less than Sentinel-1 in the region of interest.

Deformation results derived from geodetic measurements are described in the following section. To interpret them easily, we drew a profile line extended ~ 30 m shown in Figure 3a(left), where the profile from point A (106.99° ; -6.71°) to B (107.01° ; -6.72°), extends from an elevation of 1400 m to 1200 m, covering the Puncak Pass and the Puncak Highway area. We emphasized the dashed line box as the location for GPS and terrestrial measurement in Puncak Highway. The SAR data were resampled using the nearest-neighbor function with the radius of 30 m to register PS points in the regular grid. Thus, the tracking points based on the A-B profile are arranged in the same spatial resolution.

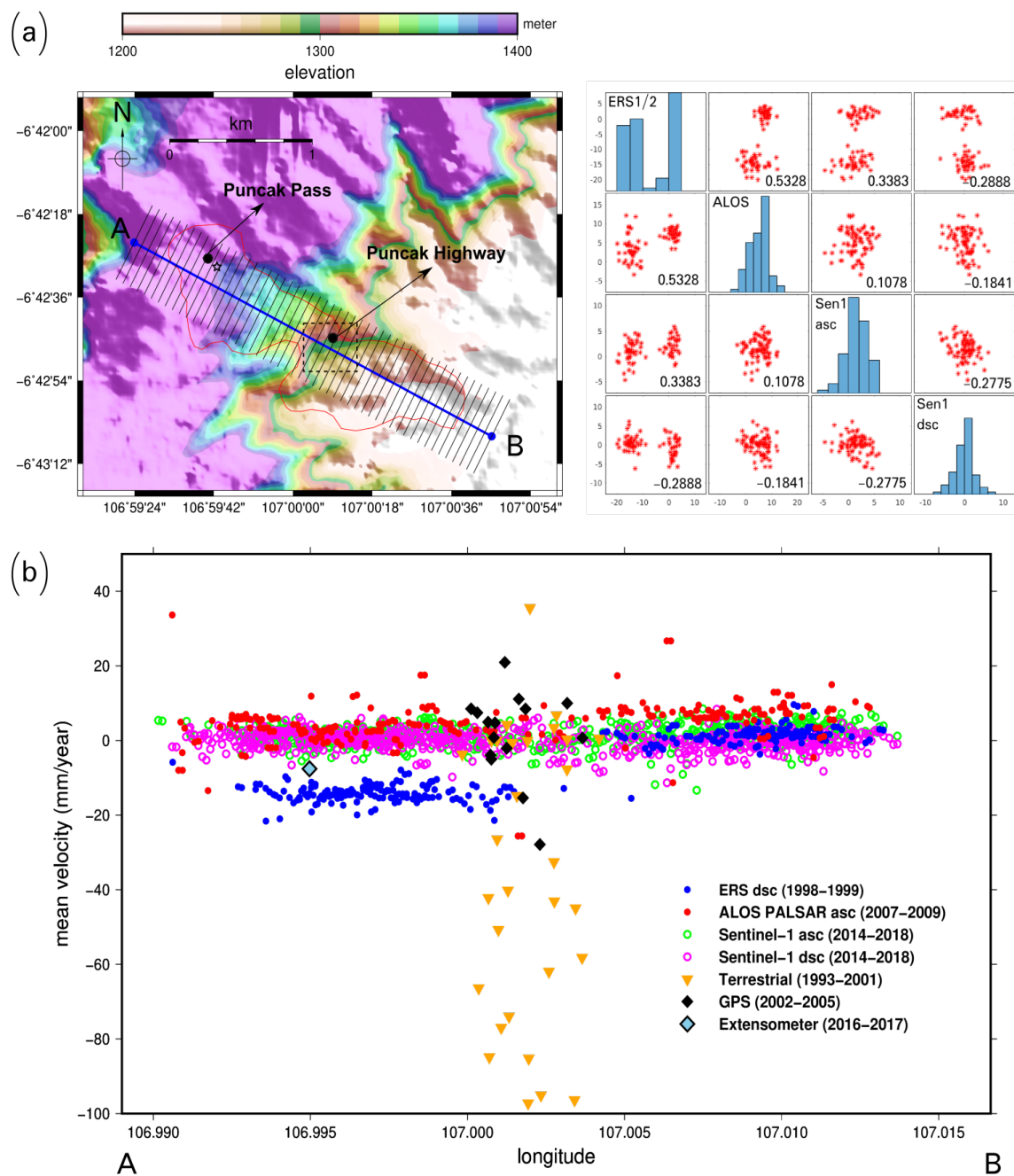


Figure 3. (a) The left figure shows the Ciloto area along with the A-B profile which its sections are covering the deformation result. The dash line box is the location for the previous GPS and terrestrial measurements reported by [38] while the black star is the location of extensometer. The right figure shows the correlation coefficient (R) matrix between SAR data for 77 samples matching grid. (b) The distribution scatters of mean velocities from all geodetic observations in Ciloto area.

Pearson's linear correlation coefficients between each point, were computed and compared with 77 matching PS points in all regular grid as seen to the right of Figure 3a, representing the relationship of the different multi-band and temporal InSAR results. The results show that ERS1/2 and ALOS points have the highest correlation coefficient of 0.5328 compared to other correlated data. It means that both of those data are spatially distributed with similar rates of movement, whilst the relationship between Sentinel-1 to ERS1/2 and ALOS results has low correlation coefficients under 0.34. For the

sample matching locations, we considered that their accelerations have become slower since 2007 because the rate of displacement decreases from -20 mm/year to -10 mm/year.

Figure 3b shows the mean velocity distribution in the Ciloto district produced by InSAR and ground measurements. The profile length is ca. 2.8 km. We divided the section into 51 parts with a width of 275 m from the ridge. The displacement rate of each observation has a different velocity. The reason are: (a) their differences in temporal and spatial resolution, (b) the non-identical objects of observation, (c) the different wavelength sensor and data quantity of SAR dataset, (d) different geometry view and (e) unlike source of error.

The range of displacement rate is -20 to 20 mm/year for all of the detected PS points along with the A-B profile. ERS1/2 shows the highest displacement rate until -20 mm/year located at the top Ciloto area whereas the bottom part is relatively stable, 1 – 4 mm/year. The different displacement values between the top and bottom areas might be caused by the natural geological process which has faster soil motion during this period (from 1998 to 1999) on the top of Ciloto compared to the bottom. Considering the limited number of interferograms and the long temporal baseline in 1999, another reason is a superimposed effect of other unwanted signals such as the atmospheric phase screen and noise due to error processing especially in co-registration and phase unwrapping.

According to ground measurement points in the Puncak Highway area, we projected GPS and terrestrial vectors displacement (d_U, d_E, d_N) into LOS direction using the average incidence and azimuth angle from Sentinel-1 ascending sensor. The LOS displacement values are viewed from the ground perspective. It means towards the sensor is a positive value while away from the sensor is a negative value. We applied the computation into ascending SAR data because the *R-Index* calculation [39] revealed a better performance in the ascending orbit considering the characteristic of Ciloto slope. *R-Index* represents the ratio between the slant range and ground range. Although a few terrestrial benchmarks are in the range of ± 10 mm/year, the rest have different high rates maximum to -95 mm/year. An important note, the terrestrial points show high rates of movement since they were located on more susceptible landslide prone areas along the Cijember river. PVMBG indicated that erosion and ground movements occur more frequently in those areas. Moreover, the technical surveying report explained that there was an accidental event and this factor was beyond the control of the surveyor. Furthermore, the displacement rate from GPS analysis is similar to InSAR results especially for ALOS and Sentinel-1 sensors. GPS2, GPS9, GP11 and GP14 moved 11.1 , 20.9 , -15.4 and -27.9 mm/year, respectively. Other GPS points have the mean velocity $< \pm 10$ mm/year.

We found displacement rates for three GPS points valid from 2002 to 2005 regarding the location of ALOS and Sentinel-1 scatters as shown in Table 1. They have a high correlation to the ALOS result acquired from 2007 to 2009, which covers a similar period of time. However, the GPS result does not fit to the displacement rate determined by Sentinel-1 (2014–2018) or the ERS data 1998–1999. This can be explained by the non-linearity of the slope movement triggered by physical events. For the extensometer recorded in 2016–2017, the mean velocity is -7.6 mm/year assumed as a linear movement. The displacement rate of the extensometer is slightly faster than the Sentinel-1 result.

Table 1. The mean velocity (mm/year) of ALOS, Sentinel-1, and GPS measurement.

Point	GPS	ALOS	Sen-1 Asc	Sen-1 Dsc
1	8.12	2.84	-0.32	2
2	8.45	1.59	1.39	3.89
3	9.95	6.01	-0.34	-2.54

The mean velocity from 2007 until 2009 is ± 10 mm/year derived from ALOS PALSAR. A few PS points however, showed a downward motion of up to -25 mm/year at the upper Puncak Highway area. Furthermore, the result from Sentinel-1 dataset also shows that the mean velocity is ± 10 mm/year. However, we found that some regions have velocities $> \pm 10$ mm/year. They are mostly located in the Puncak Pass and Puncak Highway area.

3.1. The Puncak Pass Area

Two Puncak Pass landslides occurred on Sunday, 4 February and Wednesday, 28 March 2018 after heavy rainfall events. They were located at $6^{\circ}42'27''$ S and $106^{\circ}59'38''$ E, 1450–1500 m above MSL near to the Puncak Pass resort hotel. The second landslide had a 60° gradient slope with the toe's section about 10° . PVMBG categorizes this second event as a type of debris slide. Several factors causing these landslides are; a very steep slope ($\geq 45^{\circ}$), strongly porous weathered soil, the weak shear strain due to weathering and water infiltration, a bad drainage system, and high rainfall intensity as the main trigger of slope failure events.

In Puncak Pass, we found PS points only from Sentinel-1 dataset from 2014 to 2018. Two samples of selected PS points in this area were examined to understand the slow movement. The zone (1) and (2) as shown in Figure 4 are located at the top of the landslide area, near to the main road and the bottom close to Puncak Pass resort and hotel, respectively. Figure 4b presents the mean LOS time series InSAR result from ascending and descending data. Zone 1, located in the north-west of Puncak Pass reveals the subsidence up to -45 mm which we considered as the initial zone of depletion. On the other hand, the zone 2 shows the up-lift movement up to 55 mm indicating creep had been accumulated in the south-east of Puncak Pass. The two zones had moved significantly since November 2017 until the two landslide events occurred.

The characteristics of the displacement trend in Puncak Pass is also affected by noise considering short repeated data (12 days) and sudden (rapid) movement of natural objects around the observed area. In addition, the source of noise could also come from the turbulent atmosphere and seasonal biases [40]. We detected the phase jumps only in the ascending data because the region is facing south-east with the slope aspect of 90° – 180° . The ascending Sentinel-1 is adequate to preserve good amplitude and phase stability [41]. It agrees to *R-Index* which shows the ascending having greater value (0.82) than the descending data (0.71). This index describes the possibility of topography effect in the Ciloto area looked at by the ascending and descending tracks. The higher the value of *R-Index*, the better the orientation of the sensor for detecting phase differences. Hence, the ascending result can detect phase jump during the slope failures but not for the descending result due to the sensitivity of slope geometry.

The phase unwrapping error coincided with the landslide events in February and March 2018 due to phase decorrelation in space and time. We applied the correction of one phase unwrapping error introduced by [36]. Since the differential displacement between two consecutive acquisitions (residue) from ascending data at this time exceeded $|\lambda/4| \times 2$ mm, we could not correct the error easily. Hence, we assumed this time range as a breakpoint because of largely displaced materials. In order to highlight the great motion that occurred in this period, the displacement values of this timeline are modified to be $residue \pm \lambda$. Considering SAR geometry facing the slope direction, the trend of displacement generated by the ascending data identifies more significant deformation signals than that of descending data because the area has the slope facing in a southeast direction (the slope aspect of 130° – 160°).

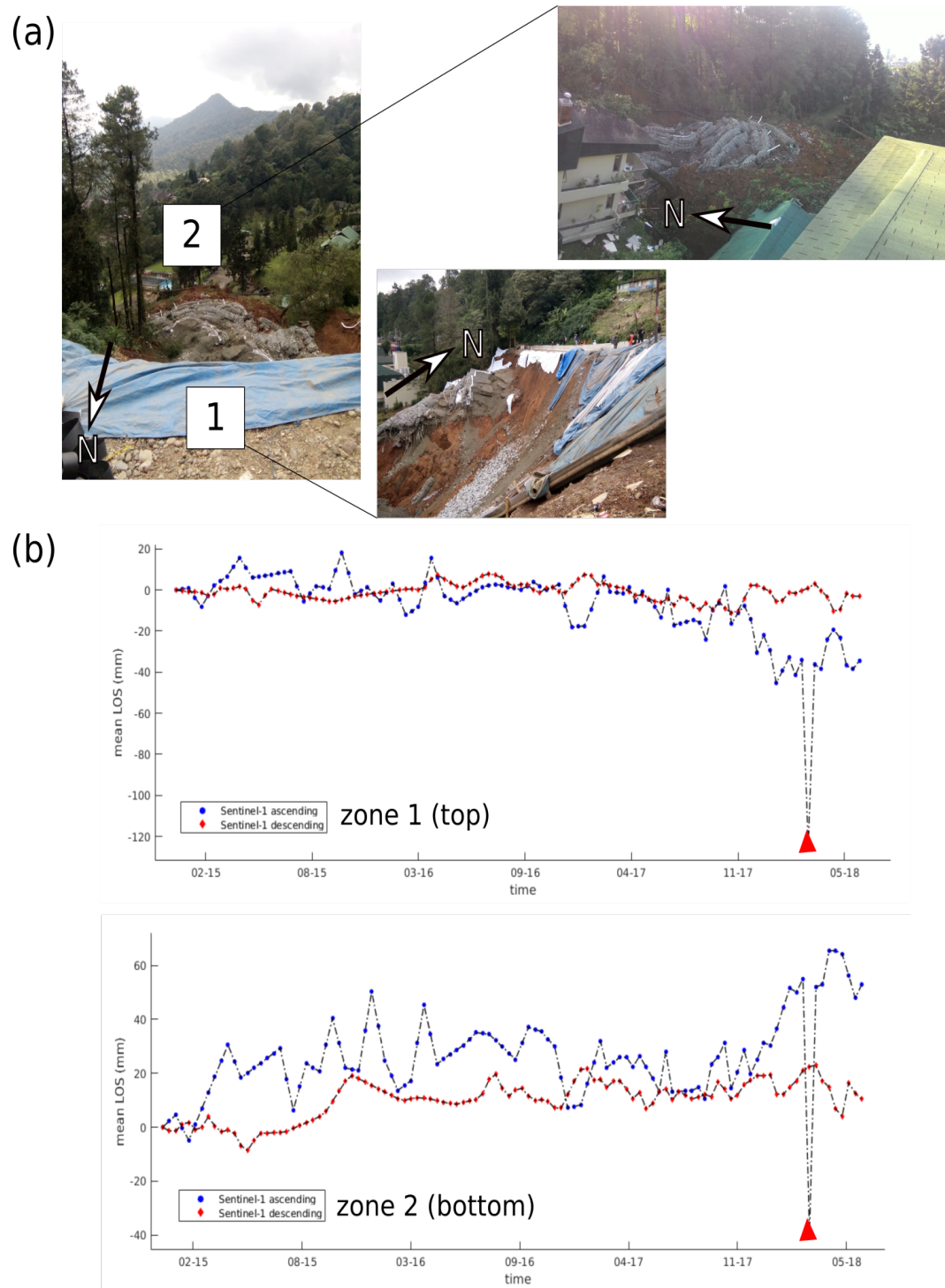


Figure 4. (a) The evidence of the landslide event occurred on 28 March 2018 documented by BPBD Cianjur. Number 1 shows the depleted zone while number 2 shows the accumulated zone. (b) The mean LOS InSAR result from Sentinel-1 ascending and descending SAR data in the Puncak Pass area. The phase jump (the red triangles) occurred during February–March 2018 due to the two consecutive slope failures.

3.2. The Puncak Highway Area

The ground points from different geodetic sources are located in the northern part of Puncak Highway (Figure 5a). Since their spatial and temporal distributions are different, we took the points near to the location and calculated the average values of the selected points from each observation. The size area was approx. 10,000 m² located on 107.0015°; −6.7123°. For the expectation of land changes from 1998 to 2018, the persistent scatterers are dependent on both natural and man-made objects which exist during that period (e.g., trunks, rocks, and buildings). There are some buildings that are known exist in this area since 2002 and supposed to serve as potential PS points for ALOS and Sentinel-1 sensors. For ERS period, there could be a discrepancy of displacement value if PS points are taken from natural objects which tend to change significantly between 1998 and 2018.

Figure 5a shows the distribution of terrestrial and GPS measurement points in the Puncak Highway area and the stable area located in the southern part of the Ciloto district. Firstly, we identified only PS points from ERS, ALOS, and Sentinel-1 data and compared the cumulative deformation to a stable area presented in Figure 5b. Generally, the stable area has cumulative displacement up to ±51 mm while Puncak Highway up to −198 mm. Both positive and negative values are detected for the trend movement in the stable area. It is influenced by the discrepancy of noise signal caused by local turbulence and errors in data processing. For the Sentinel-1 result, the ascending data has greater acceleration than the descending data viewed in LOS direction. The reason is that the sensor direction influences the sensitivity of InSAR for displacement detection. The slope geometry in Puncak Highway is also facing the south-east. It makes a sensor with the ascending orbit more capable to discover the slope movement than with the descending orbit, as we described in Section 3.1.

Secondly, we assessed time series displacements provided by all geodetic measurements as shown in Figure 5c. Three points from the terrestrial survey were identified, M7, M8, and M9 while there are two points observed by GPS measurement, GPS7, and GP14. We used 1, 1, 16 PS points for ERS1/2, ALOS PALSAR, and Sentinel-1 ascending data, respectively. We did not use GP14 in the assessment because there were no GPS recordings during the survey period. The range of years without available information neither from ground nor space-borne observation is interpolated based on the linear regression approach with the coefficient determination of 0.83. After the relative time series displacement from several sources was established, a robust cubic polynomial with normalized center and scale was determined by the following model:

$$disp = 4.011 x^3 + 2.995 x^2 - 120.3 x - 307.5, \text{ with } x = \frac{t - \mu}{\sigma} \quad (1)$$

where x is a normalized value with mean μ and standard deviation σ in the function of time t . It presents the eventual displacements from all available geodetic measurements. Based on the assessment using the best-fit model with the coefficient of determination (R^2) = 0.95, we estimated that the region has a cumulatively displacement of up to −420 mm over 25 years.

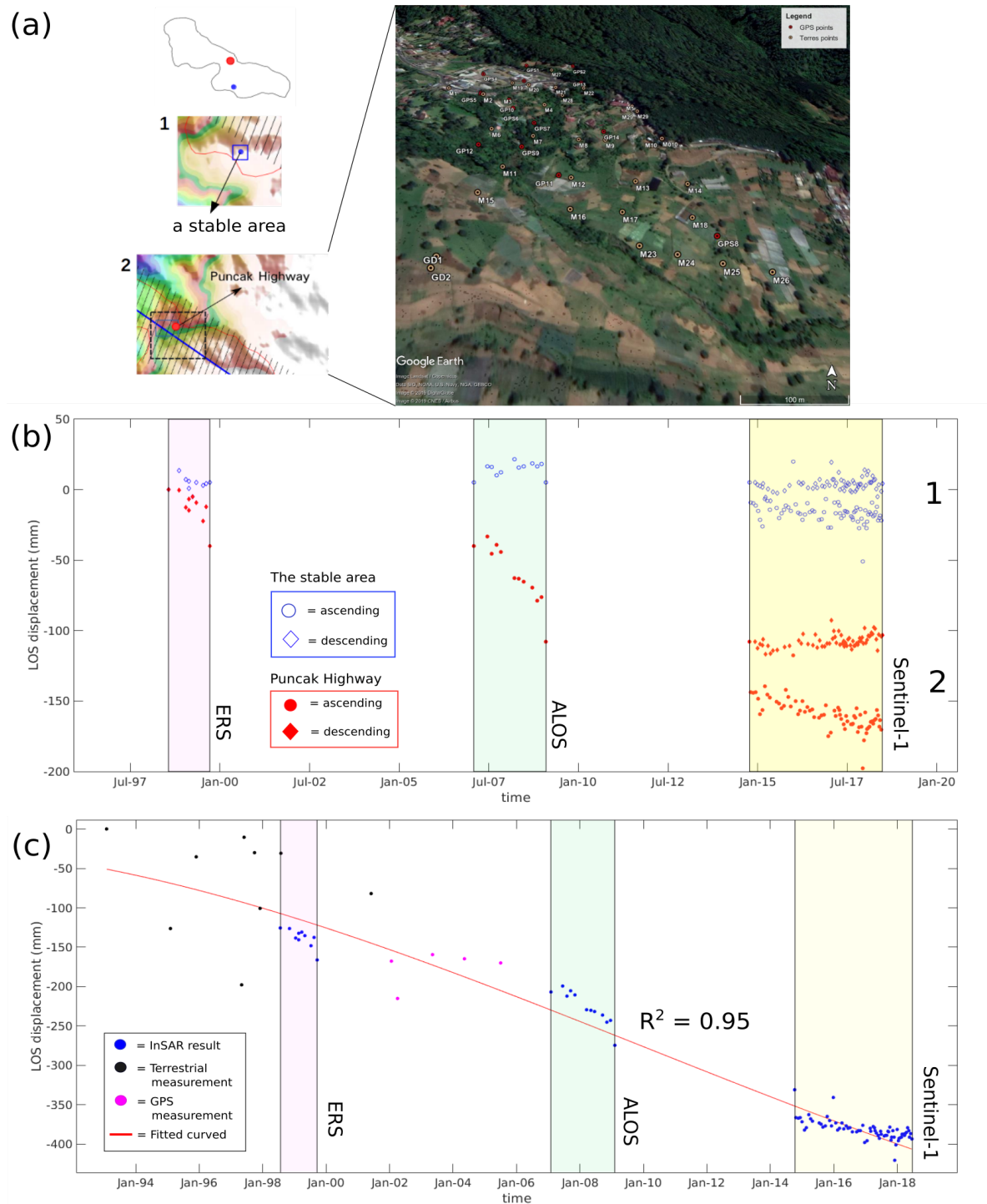


Figure 5. (a) The location of time series displacement both in a stable area (No. 1) and an unstable area, (Puncak Highway) (No. 2). The right picture shows the distribution of ground points from terrestrial and GPS measurements in Puncak Highway. (b) The time series displacement from 1998 to 2018 (not considered unobserved dates) in the upper part of Puncak Highway. The selected area is located at 107.0015° ; -6.7123° . (c) The time series displacement from February 1993 to June 2018 with the cubic polynomial fit model. The fit deformation model in Puncak Highway considers two different sources of deformation, which are ground measurement (terrestrial and GPS) and space-borne measurement (InSAR results from ERS, ALOS, and Sentinel-1 ascending data).

performed by [46] for a mean velocity of deformation at a regional scale, the automatic classification of the states of landslide activities is not yet well-established for the time series InSAR dataset.

The quantification of Ciloto's ground motion for an extended period can be used further for a parameter of environmental carrying capacity at a regional scale. A high risk of ground movement will reduce its sustainability since the capability of resources in the Ciloto's environment is obstructed by the hazard. It is an important role to assess disaster mitigation with the consideration that a low environmental carrying capacity induced by natural hazards (e.g., significant ground movement occurs in certain areas) could be classified into the high-risk level of disaster. Therefore, the local government can consider this issue as a strategy for development planning.

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Abbreviations

The following abbreviations are used in this manuscript:

ADD	Amplitude Difference Dispersion
ALOS	Advanced Land Observing Satellite
DEM	Digital Elevation Model
DORIS	Delft Object-oriented Radar Interferometric Software
ERS	European Remote Sensing
GMTSAR	Generic Mapping Tools Synthetic Aperture Radar
GPS	Global Positioning System
GNSS	Global Navigation Satellite System
InSAR	Interferometric Synthetic Aperture Radar
LOS	Line of Sight
PALSAR	Phased Array L-Band Synthetic Aperture Radar
PS	Persistent Scatters
SBAS	Small Baselines Subsets
SDFP	Slowly Decorrelating Filtered Phase
SLC	Single Look Complex
SRTM	Shuttle Radar Topography Mission
StaMPS	Stanford Method for Persistent Scatters
SVD	Singular Value Decomposition
TSX	TerraSAR-X

Appendix A

Sentinel-1 dataset was processed by the integration of GMTSAR to generate interferograms and StaMPS to analyze the phase characteristics of interferograms. The source codes can be accessed on https://github.com/dedetmix/gmt5sar2stamps_sbass (doi: 10.5281/zenodo.3387231).

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